

# CHURCH of the RESURRECTION NEWS

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## 2nd SUNDAY of the EASTER - A



The Gospels tell us that Jesus appeared to the disciples on several occasions after they discovered that his tomb was empty. Part of the mystery of Jesus' Resurrection is that he appeared to his disciples not as a spirit but in bodily form. The bodily form was not one that the disciples recognized though. In John's Gospel, Mary of Magdala does not recognize that the figure standing before her is Jesus until he speaks to her. In Luke's Gospel, the

disciples who meet Jesus on the road to Emmaus do not recognize him until he breaks bread with them. The resurrected Jesus had a physical presence, but the disciples couldn't recognize Jesus unless he allowed them to. His resurrected body, nonetheless, showed the marks of his crucifixion.

From readings such as today's Gospel, we also see that in his resurrected body, Jesus seems to be free of physical constraints. He appears to the disciples despite the fact that the doors were locked.

Jesus greets his disciples with the gift of peace and the gift of the Holy Spirit. In doing so, Jesus commissions his disciples to continue the work that he has begun: "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." During the meeting, Jesus also shows the integral connection between forgiveness of sins and the gift of the Holy Spirit.

The story of Thomas illustrates our Christian experience today: We are called to believe without seeing. In fact, all Christians after the first witnesses have been called to believe without seeing. Thomas's doubt is hardly surprising; the news of Jesus' appearance was incredible to the disciples who had seen him crucified and buried. Thomas's human nature compelled him to want hard evidence that the Jesus who appeared to the disciples after his death was indeed the same Jesus who had been crucified. Thomas is given the opportunity to act on that desire. He is our witness that Jesus is really risen. ([loyolapress.com](http://loyolapress.com))

"Lord Jesus Christ, through your victory over sin and death you have overcome all the powers of sin and darkness. Help me to draw near to you and to trust in your life-giving word. Fill me with your Holy Spirit and strengthen my faith in your promises and my hope in the power of your resurrection." ([dailyscripture.net](http://dailyscripture.net)) †R.R.

*Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,  
for his love has no end.*

### SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS ARE FOR:

9 a.m.	†Ona Svarinskas	(A.Ciaucionas)
11 a.m.	for living and deceased parishioners	
	for peace in Ukraine and the world	
	†Stasys Bekeris (40th anniv.)	(V.Puzeris)
	†Albina ir Antanas Laurinaitis	(daughter)
	requesting grace of health for Elena, Terese and Valentina	(friend)
	†Henrikas Sukauskas	(family)
	†Algimantas Syvokas (2nd anniv.)	(R.R.Syvokas)
	†Karolis Hagedorn and Peciulis' deceased family members	(M.Grambus)
	†Julius Jankauskas	(B.Kazlauskas)
	†Rokas Dobravolskis	(grandmother)
	†Teodoras Stanulis (5th anniv.)	(family)
	†Jonas, Albinas and Dr.Sigitas Kazlauskas	(V.V.Baliunas)



**2023**

**April 21-22**

Spring Rummage Sale

**April 30**

Parish 70th anniversary

lunch

**May 7**

First Communion

**May 28**

Cemetery day

**June 3**

Run for Hope

**June 4**

Confirmation

**June 25**

St.Johns' day

**Camp Kretinga**

July 2-15 (En.)

July 16 - 29 (Lith.)

**October 14**

MOZAIKA

A Silent Art Auction

**October 20-21**

Fall Rummage Sale

**November 18**

70th Anniversary Parish

Dinner

**December (date TBD)**

Advent Retreat

**December 10**

Christmas Concert

**December 25**

Christmas

**Cantors of the Masses:**

**9 AM** - Ted Chornomaz

**11 AM** - Laima Underys

**organist** - Ilona Beres

**The week's Holy Masses**

**April 17 - 23**

**MONDAY** (April 17): 7 p.m. †Linus Balaisis (5th anniv.) (M.Balaisis); in thanksgiving (Pereira);

**TUESDAY** (April 18): 7 p.m. for living and deceased parishioners; †Juozas Morkunas (A.Morkunas);

**WEDNESDAY** (April 19): 7 p.m. †Eugenijus Cuplinskas (family); †Raimundas Paskauskas (I.O.Turczyn);

**THURSDAY** (April 20): 7 p.m. †Ona Budreikis (M.V.Neverauskas); †Antanas Laurinaitis (Jaglowitz family); †Leo ir Teresa Pereira (family);

**FRIDAY** (April 21): 7 p.m. †Albinas and Ursula Kartavicius (Buozis family); †Laimute Gudinskas (G.Strimaitis);

**SATURDAY** (April 22): 9 a.m. †Edita Putrimas (I.Pivoriute); 5 p.m. "Vilnius Manor" †Povilas Venskaitis (Z.Venskaitis);

**SUNDAY** (April 23): 9 a.m. †Michael Knorr (10th anniv.) (McCulloughs); 11 a.m. for living and deceased parishioners; †Benigna Ragauskiene (9th anniv.) (Lilijana and Lina); †Jonas Gustainis (family); blessings of the Lord for Regina (sisters); †Edita Putrimas (Urnieszis family); †Birute (9th anniv.) and Jonas Danaitis (family); †Malvina Markulis (I.Matus); †Romas and Kestutis Tumpa (L.Tumpa); †Marija Gudelis (O.Dirmantas).

**Capital Fund - \$ 345,260**

*R.A.Cygas, B.Pichler - \$ 200*

*†Antanas Laurinaitis bequeathed \$5,000  
in his memory.*

*In memory of Antanas Laurinaitis,  
G.Laurinaitis donated \$ 300  
and friends \$ 590*

**THANK YOU...**

**"For it is in giving that we receive".**

*Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi*

**Collections in "Vilnius Manor"  
and April 8th - 9th - Easter**

78 envelopes - \$ 4,912

No envelopes - \$ 471

Direct deposit - \$ 1,575

Holy Land collection - \$ 945

Dr.Birute ir Dr.Ceslovas Jonys donated \$ 5,000

**THANK you for your generosity**

**PARISH 70th ANNIVERSARY LUNCH**

April 30th, 12:00 noon

Buffet / Wine & beer / Program /

Photo display / Take a picture / Lottery and more

Cost: \$30.00 (youth under 18 yrs. \$20.00)

Tickets' sales for the dinner: Sundays after Mass.

More info: Dana Danaitis 416-318-6941,

[dana.danaitis@gmail.com](mailto:dana.danaitis@gmail.com) or

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eTransfer: [pietus70lunch@hotmail.com](mailto:pietus70lunch@hotmail.com)

We invite everyone to attend!



**THE PARISH IS LOOKING FOR:**

- **cleaner** to clean and maintain the church and parish facilities;
- an **employee** who could take care of the halls and prepare them for events as needed, e.g.: parish evens, funerals, on Sundays or during the week.

Please call the parish office - 416-533-0621.



**Silent Art Auction - October 14th**

ALL are invited to support MOZAIIKA II  
by donating artwork: sculptures, paintings, prints.

We will gladly accept donations at

the Church office Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

For more information, please contact:

[raminta.nakrosius@gmail.com](mailto:raminta.nakrosius@gmail.com)

**2023 CAMP "KRETINGA"**

English camp July 2nd - 15th

Lithuanian camp July 16th - 29th

Campers registrations: [campkretinga.squarespace.com](http://campkretinga.squarespace.com)

We can't wait to see YOU ALL!

**P.S. The camp is asking parishioners for support:**  
**1. For persons who can help wash dishes and do some cleaning; 2. As well, could someone donate an SUV or VAN to the camp?**

**We WOULD BE VERY GRATEFUL..**

**THIS WEEKEND IS THE LAST** - time for "Labdara" committee **FOOD DRIVE** in aid of the needy in Toronto and **INVITES ALL** to participate.

NON-PERISHABLE Food may be brought and left in the box provided, at the parish door.

**Thank you** in advance for your kind donations.

"Auksinis" club euchre and games afternoon on Wednesday, April 26th at 1:00 pm.

All welcome..

**NEXT WEEK APRIL 21 - 22**

## **SPRING RUMMAGE SALE**

Our **Labdara Committee** cannot invite everyone individually but **needs everyone** to assist in making this event a success!  
Men, women, teens, welcome!

Men are needed to set up tables **Tuesday, April 18th at 9 am.**, and also to assist during the set up and sale.

Teens who volunteer will receive "Community Service" credit.

Everyone is needed to sort and organize the donated items!

### **CHANGES FROM PREVIOUS SALES:**

For health and safety reasons, **we will NOT be having a 'CAFE' and will NOT be selling baked goods** BUT will gladly accept cakes/cookies for our volunteers.

We also ask that you **do not bring any USED cosmetics.**

Since we have limited space, **we ask you to bring your donations NO EARLIER than Monday April 17th in the AM!**

**Some items that DO NOT sell are:** \* old radios, computers, encyclopedias, \* - old TVs (LED are ok).

We ask that you discard these items elsewhere.

**We will no longer accept large furniture, nor will we pick-up or deliver any items.**

***We ask for your cooperation and thank you in advance!***

\*For other info please contact:

Dalia Nausedas 416 418 9920  
or Dalia Rocca 905 820 3088

### **RCU announcements -**

*\*RCU Credit Union is currently hiring Member Service Representatives. Part-time and full-time positions are available. RCU offers competitive wages, benefits, paid training, and so much more. Please visit <https://www.rpcul.com/about-us/careers> for more info.*

*\*RCU Credit Union welcomes members to attend the 60th Annual and Special Meeting. It will be held at 3:30pm on Sunday April 23. Registration starts at 3pm. The meeting will be held in-person only, with no ability to participate remotely.*

*RCU Credit Union will be hosting a meal at the end of the meeting. Each person joining us for the meal will need their own unique reservation number to participate. Please call 416-532-3400 or email [rcuagm@rpcul.com](mailto:rcuagm@rpcul.com) by 4pm on Wednesday April 12 to reserve your spot.*



Save the Date: Toronto Folk Dance Ensemble "Gintaras" invites you to their festival, **Gintarinės Joninės** on June 24<sup>th</sup> at Anapolis Halls. Guests from Lithuania, Sweden, Argentina, USA and the Ukrainian Dance School will perform. More information can be found at: [torontogintaras.com](http://torontogintaras.com)

## **Pope at Audience: Apostles filled with zeal must embrace Gospel newness**



At the weekly General Audience, Pope Francis focuses on St Paul's description of apostolic zeal, saying that heralds must be open to the newness of the Gospel, while warning of the dangers of distorted zeal.

Having previously considered St Paul's personal zeal for the Gospel, Pope Francis based his catechesis at the Wednesday General Audience on the Apostle's description of evangelical zeal in his New Testament letters.

Starting with St Paul's description of the "armour of God" in the Letter to the Ephesians, the Pope focused on the verse, "As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace" which also brings to mind the words of Isaiah, "How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of the one who brings good tidings."

Both St Paul and Isaiah, reference "the feet of a herald of good news [...] because the one who goes to proclaim must move."

But Paul also considers the shoes in the context of the analogy of a suit of armour, because soldiers must have stable footing in battle, and be prepared to run and move in the right direction.

*"Evangelical zeal is the support on which proclamation is based."*

Apostolic zeal pushes Christians forth

Pope Francis went on to explain that "evangelical zeal is the support on which proclamation is based, and heralds are like the feet of the Body of Christ, the Church."

Proclamation, he said, requires zeal that pushes Christians to go forth, arguing that the Christians cannot proclaim the Gospel while standing still, like "keyboard warriors."

The Gospel, he affirmed, "is proclaimed by moving, by walking, by going forth."

Be prepared for the newness of the Gospel

Finally, the Pope emphasized the need to be prepared for the newness of the Gospel. He warned against a "misdirected zeal" that stubbornly persists "in the observance of purely human and obsolete norms for the Christian community."

Instead, those who proclaim the Gospel must recognize that "the Lord passes by in a surprising way," and must be "ready to follow a wisdom that is not of this world."

Unattached to their own schemes or plans of actions, he said, heralds must not allow "opportunities to promulgate the Gospel of peace" to pass by.



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THANK YOU for donations.

You can donate to the parish and for parish causes through: envelopes; eTransfers (email: [resparish@prisikelimas.ca](mailto:resparish@prisikelimas.ca) ;

Q: What is the name of the parish?

A: Resurrection; (indicating to whom the donation is addressed) or on the parish site [www.prisikelimas.ca/give](http://www.prisikelimas.ca/give).

Through banks - RCU and Parama by direct deposit.

PLEASE NOTE: Writing Cheques payable to **Resurrection Parish** in the MEMO: Donation to Parish or Mass.

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